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WITH HISTADRUT

1. SUMMARY: JFTU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT MANSOUR AND MINLABOR OFFICIAL GOUSSOUS ENCOUNTERED STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION TO REPORTS OF THEIR MEETING WITH HISTADRUT AT RECENT AFL-CIO CONVENTION. GOUSSOUS WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IN MINLABOR. MANSOUR SUCCESSFULLY FACED DOWN JFTU OUSTER THREAT BUT WAS UNABLE PREVENT JFTU ADOPTION OF ANTI-AFL-CIO AND ANTI-HISTADRUT RESOLUTION. GOUSSOUS CONCERNED ABOUT NEW UPSURGE IN LEFTIST ACTIVITY AMONG UNION MEMBERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. THE RECENT U.S. TRIP OF SAMI MANSOUR, PRESIDENT OF JFTU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SAMIR GOUSSOUS, LABOR OFFICIAL, SPARKED A BIT OF CONTROVERSY BACK HOME. AT SUGGESTION OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION, GOUSSOUS AND MANSOUR MET WITH HISTADRUT REPRESENTATIVES WHILE IN U.S. ACCORDING TO GOUSSOUS, NEWS OF THE MEETING, CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRED ON ISRAELI RADIO, WAS PICKED UP IN JORDAN AND CONSIDERED TO BE OF SUFFICIENT SERIOUSNESS TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT CABINET MEETING. ALTHOUGH CABINET APPARENTLY DECIDED TO TAKE NO SPECIFIC ACTION, MINLABOR AJLOUNI EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS TO GOUSSOUS, NOT AS MUCH WITH FACT OF HISTADRUT MEETING AS WITH GOUSSOUS' FAILURE TO SEEK MINISTER'S GUIDANCE. THE "DISCIPLINARY" ACTION MINISTER

HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE IS TO PROMOTE GOUSSOUS TO GRADE 3 BUT TO MOVE HIM FROM MINISTRY'S LABOR DEPT TO DEPT OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN IN NEW DEPT., IN CHARGE OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE AFFAIRS, SINCE JAN 7, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN PROMOTED.

3. SAMI MANSOUR WAS GREETED UPON HIS RETURN WITH THREAT OF EVICTION AS PRESIDENT OF JFTU EXEC COMM. BECAUSE OF HISTADRUT MEETING. MOVE WAS SPONSORED BY LEFTIST MEMBERS OF THE EXEC COMM WHO APPARENTLY USED HISTADRUT MEETING MERELY AS PRETEXT FOR MOVE TO MARSHALL MORE LEFTIST SUPPORT AMONG THE 65 EXEC. COMM. MEMBERS. OUSTER ATTEMPT WAS SUPPORTED BY SHAHER MAJALI, SEC GEN OF THE JFTU, WHO, THOUGH NOT A LEFTIST HIMSELF, GRABBED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GARNER SUPPORT IN UNSEATING MANSOUR, OLD RIVAL FOR JFTU LEADERSHIP.

4. MANSOUR OUSTER MOVE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, APPARENTLY DUE TO BEHIND-THE-SCENE HELP FROM GOJ. (MINLABOR OFFICIALS HELPED ASSURE THAT FIRST MEETING WOULD BE ADJOURNED FOR LACK OF QUORUM; MANSOUR WENT TO THE SECOND MEETING SURROUNDED BY BUNCH OF DANGEROUS-LOOKING TRUCKERS WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO ROUGH UP THE OPPOSITION.) WHAT EMERGED INSTEAD WAS A DECLARATION CALL FOR 1) CONTINUED BOYCOTT OF ALL INSTITUTIONS "HOSTILE TO NATIONAL ISSUES," FOREMOST AMONG THEM THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AFL-CIO BECAUSE OF PRES GEORGE MEANEY'S "ANTAGONISTIC STAND AGAINST OUR ISSUES," AD 2) CONDEMNATION AND REJECTION OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HISTADRUT.

5. GOUSSOUS, RELIEVED THAT MANSOUR IS STILL IN PLACE, NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN FOR LATEST UPSURGE OF LEFTIST ACTIVITY WITHIN LABOR UNIONS. ALTHOUGH LEFTISTS ARE STILL IN GREAT MINORITY, (ONLY FOUR UNIONS "COMMUNIST CONTROLLED") THEY ARE EXTREMELY WELL ORGANIZED AND ARE REPORTEDLY BEGINNING TO MAKE INROADS IN OTHER UNIONS. PICKERING

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